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1. There was a rumor circulating among North Korean air force personnel in Hamhung that approximately 200 North Korean pilots who were being trained in Chita Aviation School are soon to return to North Korea, with large numbers of Soviet planes which will enable the North Korean air force to make large-scale air attacks on UN forces.
2. The commander of the North Korean air force is Major General WANG Yon (王彦). The deputy commander is YI Hwal (李活). The units of the North Korean air force are as follows:
 - a. The 1 Squadron at Hoeryong (129-45, 42-25). This squadron was formerly at Pyongyang. It consists of about 300 pilots and other air personnel, and is equipped with 8 Yak fighters, 2 transports and 5 trainers.
 - b. The 2 Squadron at Aojidong (130-25, 42-30), with 10 Yak fighters, 3 reconnaissance planes and about 250 pilots and other personnel.
 - c. The 3 Squadron at Kaibon station (129-40, 41-26) area, with 3 Yak fighters, 3 transports and about 200 pilots and other personnel.
 - d. The 4 Squadron, which is in training under unidentified Soviet advisers at Chiamussu, Manchuria. This squadron consists of about 1200 pilots and other personnel, and is equipped with 20 Yak fighters and 15 trainers.
 - e. An unidentified unit at Kanggye, with 5 Yak fighters, 3 transports and 2 light bombers.

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